IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA COLUMBUS DIVISION

NAEEM F. KHAN, :

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Petitioner,

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v. : CASE NO. 4:12-CV-273-CDL-MSH

28 U.S.C. § 2241

ERIC HOLDER, JANET NAPOLITANO, FELICIA SKINNER, and MICHAEL

SWINTON,

:

Respondents.

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RECOMMENDATION OF DISMISSAL

Presently pending before the Court is Respondents' Motion to Dismiss, filed on November 21, 2012. (ECF No. 11.) In his application for habeas relief pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241, Petitioner, a native of Pakistan, alleges that he is entitled to be released pursuant to the ruling in *Zadvydas v. Davis*, 533 U.S. 678 (2001). (Pet. for Writ of Habeas Corpus 5; ECF No. 1.) Along with the motion to dismiss, Respondents filed a copy of the Order of Supervision (Mot. to Dismiss Ex. A, ECF No. 11-1) showing that Petitioner was released on supervised release on November 13, 2012. Because of Petitioners release, Respondents now contend that Petitioner's pending § 2241 petition is moot and should be dismissed as such. (Mot. to Dismiss 2-3, ECF No. 12.) The Court agrees and recommends dismissal of this case as moot.

"[A] case is moot when the issues presented are no longer live or the parties lack a

legally cognizable interest in the outcome." *Al Najjar v. Ashcroft*, 273 F.3d 1330, 1335-36 (11th Cir. 2001) (internal quotation marks and citation omitted). "If events that occur subsequent to the filing of a lawsuit or an appeal deprive the court of the ability to give the plaintiff or appellant meaningful relief, then the case is moot and must be dismissed." *Id.* at 1336.

Here, Petitioner sought an order granting him a writ of habeas corpus and release from custody. (Pet. for Writ of Habeas Corpus 17.) Petitioner has been released from the physical custody of ICE. (Mot. to Dismiss Ex. A.) Furthermore, Petitioner is not contesting the conditions of his supervised release such that this Court could maintain jurisdiction over his habeas petition. *See Alvarez v. Holder*, Nos. 10-13907, 10-14056, 2011 WL 6187122 (11th Cir. Dec. 14, 2011); *see also* Mot. to Dismiss Ex. A. Since the Court can no longer give the Petitioner any meaningful relief, the case is moot and "dismissal is required because mootness is jurisdictional." *Al Najjar*, 273 F.3d at 1336.

WHEREFORE, IT IS RECOMMENDED that Respondents' Motion to Dismiss (ECF No. 11) be GRANTED and Petitioner=s Application for writ of habeas corpus be DISMISSED without prejudice to his right to file a new § 2241 petition in the future if a change in his circumstances occurs. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1), the Petitioner may serve and file written objections to this recommendation with the United States District Judge within fourteen (14) days after being served a copy of this recommendation.

SO RECOMMENDED, this 14th day of March, 2013.

S/Stephen Hyles
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE